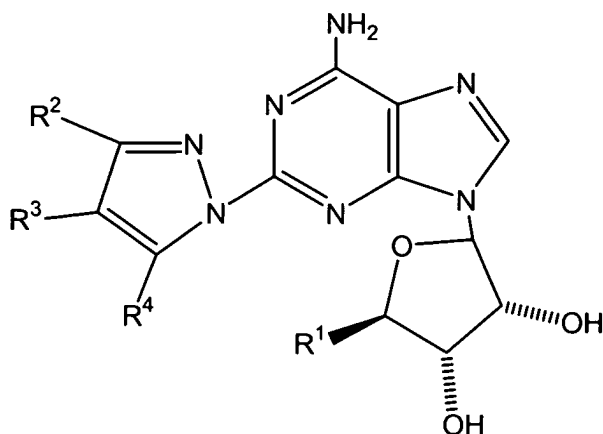


1. (Twice amended) A compound having the formula:



B wherein R¹ is -CH₂OH;

R² and R⁴ are each hydrogen;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of CO₂R²⁰, -CONR⁷R⁸ and aryl wherein the aryl substituent is optionally substituted with from 1 to 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁₋₆ alkyl, CF₃ and OR²⁰;

R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl and aryl, wherein the alkyl and aryl substituents are optionally substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, aryl, CF₃, CN, and OR²⁰ and wherein each optional aryl substituent is optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, alkyl, CF₃, CN, and OR²⁰;

R⁸ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl; and

R²⁰ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl.

2. (Twice amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein R³ is selected from the group consisting of CO₂R²⁰, -CONR⁷R⁸, and aryl that is optionally substituted with from 1 to 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁₋₃ alkyl, CF₃ and OR²⁰;

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R^7 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and C_{1-8} alkyl that is optionally substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, CF_3 , CN and OR^{20} ;

R^8 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-3} alkyl; and

R^{20} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl.

2/Conc'd 3/9. (Twice amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein R^3 is selected from the group consisting of CO_2R^{20} , $-CONR^7R^8$, and aryl that is optionally substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C_{1-3} alkyl, and OR^{20} ;

R^7 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and C_{1-3} alkyl that is optionally substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, CF_3 , CN and OR^{20} ;

R^8 is hydrogen; and

R^{20} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl.

4/10. (Twice amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein R^3 is selected from the group consisting of CO_2R^{20} , $-CONR^7R^8$, and aryl that is optionally substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C_{1-3} alkyl and OR^{20} ;

R^7 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and C_{1-3} alkyl;

R^8 is hydrogen; and

R^{20} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl.

Sub B3 23. (Twice amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and one or more pharmaceutical excipients.

7/26. (Once amended) The compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of 2-(4-methylaminocarbonylpyrazol-1-yl)adenosine; 2-(4-ethoxycarbonylpyrazol-1-yl)adenosine; 2-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)pyrazol-1-yl]adenosine; 2-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrazol-1-yl]adenosine; 2-[4-(4-methylphenyl)pyrazol-1-yl]adenosine; and 2-(4-carboxypyrazol-1-yl)adenosine.